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National Scrip Collectors Association

The **National Scrip Collectors Association** was officially organized on October 21, 1972 in Fayetteville WV. The objectives and purposes of the organization are to promote the collection of coal company scrip and related tokens, to cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip tokens, and to encourage the study and research of the history of coal mining companies as it relates to the usage of scrip tokens.

In the late 1970's the scope of the **NCSA** was broadened to include tokens from other industries; including lumber, phosphate, hard rock, limestone, copper, gold & silver, brick & clay, cotton & textile, paper, iron & steel, agricultural, and others.

The first issue of *Scrip Talk* was published in 1965, and it continues today as the official newsletter for members of the **NSCA**. It exists not only as a source of information for its members, but as a forum where they can share items of interest. Please feel free to submit or suggest articles for future publication.



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NSCA NEWS

◆ Edkins Updates ◆

Someday, sometime, the club will be updating the Edkins Guides to reflect changes in the token market since the last editions were published. Over the years, members have sent information on corrections and new finds that were not listed in the books, to the various members that have volunteered as New Finds Editors. If you have sent such information to us in the past, including foils, descriptions, and photos, we will be asking you in the future to forward that information to us again. This is part of the double-checking process that ensures the next editions of the Edkins Guides will be as accurate as possible.

◆ Membership Renewal ◆

The mailing label on the front of each issue of Scrip Talk you receive will have a date under your name. This is the date your membership expires. Please review this regularly. You can use the coupon on page two when sending in your dues.

◆ Oops! ◆

In one of those “How did this happen?!?” events, Don Clifford’s fine story on Meadow Creek Coal in the last issue was run with the word ‘script’ used every place that ‘scrip’ was called for. We apologize to Don for the error and hope he will continue to send in his well-researched articles for future publication. Other members are encouraged to submit their own scrip related articles - we’ll try extra-hard to get ‘em in there correctly!

JACK CHAPMAN'S THIRTY-DAY SCRIP AUCTION**Starting Date 10/10/06****Ending Date 11/10/06**

Lot #	Scrip #	Company and Town	R rating	Condition	Min. bid
1	KY 2222-N100	Vulcan Colliery of N & W Ry. Co. (Pike County)	R-10	good	\$55.00
2	KY 2056-A25	Pond Creek Colliery of N & W Ry. Co. (New Camp)	R-8	fine	\$35.00
3	KY 2056-B10	Pond Creek Colliery of N & W Ry. Co. (New Camp)	R-8	fine	\$35.00
4	KY 2056-B1b	Pond Creek Colliery of N & W Ry. Co. (New Camp)	R-7	fine	\$15.00
5	KY 2861-B10	Highland Creek Coal Co., Uniontown, KY	U/L	fine	\$60.00
6	KY 837-50	Chas. W. Thompson Co., Drakesboro, KY	U/L	fine	\$35.00
7	KY 837-25	Chas. W. Thompson Co., Drakesboro, KY	U/L	fine	\$35.00
8	KY 1329-A1	Liberty Coal Mining Co., Hillside, KY	R-9	fine	\$35.00
9	KY 983-A100	Marymoore Mines, Inc., Excelsior, KY	R-10	very fine	\$75.00
10	KY 207-A5	Bell Jellico Coal Co. 1905, Bell Jellico, KY	R-10	very fine	\$75.00
11	KY 2929-D100	The Good Coal Co. Inc., Wallins, KY	R-10	very fine	\$75.00
12	KY 2929-D10	The Good Coal Co. Inc., Wallins, KY	R-8	very fine	\$25.00
13	KY 2929-F1	The Good Coal Co. Inc., Wallins, KY	R-7	very fine	\$15.00
14	KY 2403-D10	Harlan Coal & Coke Co., Ridgeway, KY	R-9	very fine	\$35.00
15	KY 2403-E10	Harlan Coal & Coke Co., Ridgeway, KY	R-10	very fine	\$65.00
16	KY 2403-C50	Ridgeway Coal Corporation, Ridgeway, KY	R-9	very fine	\$45.00
17	KY 219-A10	Benito Supply Co., Benito, KY	R-8	very fine	\$30.00
18	KY 2893-A50b	Harlan-Wallins Coal Corporation, Verda, KY	R-10	very fine	\$60.00
19	KY 1499-D10	The Black Mountain Corp., Kenvir, KY (Solid)	R-10	good	\$50.00
20	KY 29-C10	East Harlan Coal Co. No. 2, Ages, KY	R-10	good	\$65.00
21	KY 609-A100a	Mary Helen Coal Corp., Coalgood, KY	R-5	very fine	\$25.00
22	KY 609-A5a	Mary Helen Coal Corporation (Coalgood, KY)	R-3	good	\$10.00
23	KY 609-B5	Mary Helen Coal Corporation (Coalgood, KY)	R-4	fine	\$10.00
24	KY 975-C100	Harlan Co-operative Coal Co. (Evarts, KY)	R-8	good	\$30.00
25	KY 975-D10	Harlan-Kellioka Coal Co., Evarts, KY	R-8	very fine	\$30.00
26	KY 1879-K100	Central Coal Co., Muhlenberg (Pictorial Miner) (small hole)	R-8	fine	\$25.00
27	KY 1879-K25	Central Coal Co., Muhlenberg (Pictorial Miner) (small hole)	R-6	fine	\$20.00
28	KY 2381-A25	Central Coal Co., Render (Pictorial Miner) (small hole)	R-7	fine	\$15.00
29	KY 520-A100	Central Coal Co., Guylena (Pictorial Miner) (small hole)	R-7	fine	\$25.00
30	KY 520-A5	Central Coal Co., Guylena (Pictorial Miner)	R-10	fine	\$45.00
31	KY 335-A100	Crawford Coal Corp'n (Bonnyman, KY)	R-9	fine	\$40.00
32	KY 335-B100	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Bonnyman, KY	R-6	fine	\$12.00
33	KY 309-50	Kentucky Hayslen Coal Co., Inc. (Blue Diamond)	U/L	very fine	\$60.00
34	KY 309-C10	Kentucky Block Coal Mining Co. (Blue Diamond)	R-7	very fine	\$15.00
35	KY 2757-A10	Darb Fork Coal Co., Tauber, KY	R-9	very fine	\$30.00
36	KY 2809-B50	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Toner, KY	R-3	good	No min.
37	KY 2809-B25	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Toner, KY	R-3	good	No min.
38	KY 2809-A10	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Toner, KY	R-3	good	No min.
39	KY 2809-A5	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Toner, KY	R-3	good	No min.
40	KY 283-C50(deleted)	Davis Supply Co., Blackey, KY	R-5	good	No min.
41	KY 3109-E100	Yancey Store, Yancey, KY	R-3	good	No min.
42	KY 3109-D50	Yancey Store, Yancey, KY	R-3	fine	No min.
43	KY 3109-E5	Yancey Store, Yancey, KY	R-6	fine	No min.
44	KY 2893-G5	Harlan-Walins Coal, Verda, KY	R-7	fine	No min.
45	KY 2929-K10	Wallins Creek Coal Co., Wallins, KY	R-6	fine	No min.

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46	KY 2929-K5	Wallins Creek Coal Co., Wallins, KY	R-5	very fine	No min.
47	KY 385-A100b	Harlan Collieries Co. (Brookside) (Pictorial Pick & Shovel)	R-2	good	No min.
48	KY 385-B25c	Harlan Collieries Co. (Brookside) (Pictorial Pick & Shovel)	R-3	fine	No min.
49	KY 385-B10	Harlan Collieries Co. (Brookside) (Pictorial Pick & Shovel)	R-2	fine	No min.
50	KY 385-B5a	Harlan Collieries Co. (Brookside) (Pictorial Pick & Shovel)	R-1	fine	No min.
51	KY 1535-B25	Clover Fork Coal Co., Kitts, KY	R-5	very fine	No min.
52	KY 1535-C100a	Clover Fork Coal Co., Kitts, KY (Pictorial Fork)	R-5	very fine	No min.
53	KY 1833-B100a	The Octavia J. Coal Mining Co. (McAndrews)	R-4	fine	No min.
54	KY 1833-A10	The Octavia J. Coal Mining Co. (McAndrews)	R-4	fine	No min.
55	KY 1833-B5	The Octavia J. Coal Mining Co. (McAndrews)	R-4	fine	No min.
56	KY 1157-A100	W.G. Duncan Coal Company, Graham, KY	R-4	very fine	No min.
57	KY 1157-A5	W.G. Duncan Coal Co., Graham, KY	R-4	very fine	No min.
58	KY 213-A10a	Shearn Coal Co. Incorporated, Belton, KY	R-6	very fine	No min.
59	KY 467-A100	Atlas Coal Company, Capito, KY	R-3	good	No min.
60	KY 467-A10	Atlas Coal Company, Capito, KY	R-3	fine	No min.
61	VA 2363-A100	Raven Red Ash Coal Co., Inc. (Red Ash, VA)	R-5	good	No min.
62	VA 2363-B10b	Raven Red Ash Coal Co., Inc. (Red Ash, VA)	R-4	very fine	No min.
63	VA 1449-A5a	Jewell Ridge Coal Corporation (Jewell Ridge, VA)	R-6	fine	No min.
64	VA 819-F1b	Wise Coal & Coke Co., Dorchester, VA	R-2	fine	No min.
65	VA 2495-Z1	Kemmerer Gem Coal Co., St. Charles, VA (Red Fiber)	R-8	fine	No min.
66	VA 2089-E500	Norton Coal Co., Norton, VA	R-6	fine	No min.
67	VA 1449-E10	Jewell Ridge Coal Corp., Jewell Ridge, VA	R-3	fine	No min.
68	VA 843-B25	Garden Coal Co. (Drill, VA)	R-4	fine	No min.
69	VA 2495-K10	Briar Ridge Coal Corp., St. Charles, VA	R-4	fine	No min.
70	VA 2495-L1	Briar Ridge Coal Corp., St. Charles, VA	R-4	fine	No min.
71	VA 2089-H10	Norton Coal Company, Norton, VA	R-4	fine	No min.
72	VA 2089-I5	Norton Coal Company, Norton, VA	R-3	fine	No min.
73	VA 2089-K1	Norton Coal Company, Norton, VA	R-3	fine	No min.
74	VA 2089-F1	Norton Coal Co., Norton, VA	R-4	fine	No min.
75	VA 2495-R100a	Benedict Coal Corp. St. Charles, VA	R-4	fine	No min.
76	VA 2495-T100	Benedict Coal Corporation, St. Charles, VA	R-3	fine	No min.
77	VA 2495-T50	Benedict Coal Corporation, St. Charles, VA	R-2	fine	No min.
78	VA 2495-F25	United Coal Mining Corporation (St. Charles)	R-3	fine	No min.
79	VA 1233-B1a	H.E. Harman Coal Corporation (Harman)	R-3	fine	No min.
80	VA 2205-J5	King Cole Mining Corp. (Pennington Gap)	R-6	fine	No min.
81	VA 2659-B50	Ruth-Elkhorn Coals, Steinman, VA	R-4	fine	No min.
82	VA 2659-B25	Ruth-Elkhorn Coals, Steinman, VA	R-4	fine	No min.
83	VA 2659-E10	Ruth-Elkhorn Coals, Steinman, VA	R-5	fine	No min.
84	VA 2659-A25	Steinman Coal Corporation (Steinman)	R-3	fine	No min.
85	VA 2659-A5	Steinman Coal Corporation (Steinman)	R-3	fine	No min.
86	VA 1611-E50	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Leona Mines, VA	R-7	fine	No min.
87	VA 1611-E25	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Leona Mines, VA	R-6	fine	No min.
88	VA 1611-D10	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Leona Mines, VA	R-6	fine	No min.
89	VA 1611-D5	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Leona Mines, VA	R-3	fine	No min.
90	VA 333-B5	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Bonny Blue, VA	R-1	fine	No min.

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Written by our own Free Ads Editor - Steve Ratliff

SAND IN MY SHOES - COAL IN MY PAST

Steve Ratliff

NSCA #206

Coal scrip is my tie to my origins in the coal fields of Southwest Virginia. I was born in Richlands, Virginia but due to the depressed conditions of those post war years, my parents moved from Grundy, Virginia to Florida to find a better life. The only contact I had with coal after that was to wipe it from the bottoms of the white enameled steel chairs on my Grandfather's front porch during our annual pilgrimage back to Grundy each summer. I looked forward to these visits, not only to see my Grandparents, but to watch the steam locomotives of Norfolk and Western push the strings of coal cars up the steep grades of Buchanan county. My brother and I would sit on my Grandfather's porch and count the coal cars, hoping to find a train that beat the previous days record length. These visits ended when my Grandfather died and my Grandmother moved to Florida with us.

On a visit to my Parents and Grandmother in 1972 my Grandmother gave me a \$1.00 piece of scrip from Banner Raven Coal Corporation and explained to me that my Grandfather John had been working for Banner Raven in 1921 when my Father was born in Drill. Being a U.S. coin collector of many years, I took an immediate interest and tried to find out more about scrip with little success at first. I ran an ad in the Virginia Mountaineer newspaper and got several pieces. In the mean time I found Caldwell's book in the ANA library and I ordered it and shortly thereafter became a NSCA member.

I get great satisfaction from my collecting of coal scrip. It ties me back to my forebearers who were among the first to settle the rugged coal rich land of Buchanan County Virginia and Eastern Kentucky in the 1790's. It fills a need in me to remember my origins and provides a way for me to pass this history on to my son and daughter.

I now have sand in my shoes and never want to return to the beautiful mountains, but I never want to forget them -- and I remember each time I pick up a piece of scrip.



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The Appalachian Scrip & Token Association welcomes everyone to another Buy, Sell and Trade Show at Perry Memorial United Methodist Church in Shady Spring, WV, on November 18, from 9 am to 2 pm. Please bring a friend.